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PRaise FOR CUBANS

AN HIGHEST LAW ABIDING
NATIVE POPULATION

I am surprised and pained to find the Cuban people so much praised in THE CHAMPION. As we have lived in several different parts of Cuba and have always felt the house alone, open and unguarded most of the day, of nearly every working day and have never lost anything which we could lay to theft in an eight year's residence we do not consider this a "lawless" country. On the contrary in a wooded country such as we live in with cattle loose on the range, many of which we do not even see in months, our business would be impossible except for the honesty and neighborliness of our neighbors, which are almost without exception Cubans. In the towns where "lawlessness" is more common the "drunk and disorderly" are a Spanish equivalent practically unknown except when used in reference to the soldier from the law-abiding U. S. As for law suits except for cases in which one or both contending parties are from the U. S. I am sure that most of the lawyers know Spanish and the others are compelled to resort to politics, bribery, etc. to make a living. As for a sense of fairness I would be glad if you would print my views and should anyone be so foolish as to prove my contention.

DANIEL CHILD.

Mrs. Amanda Whitt.

The following from the Santa Cruz, California Sentinel is published because of its interest to Mrs. Whitt, many DeSoto county friends. Mr. and Mrs. Whitt will be remembered as residents of Brownsville, Fla., where Mr. Whitt taught music and penmanship. They moved to California for Mr. Whitt's health.

The funeral of Mrs. Amanda Whitt was held from the Christian Church at 11 o'clock Monday morning. Mrs. Whitt was a native of Kentucky, and before coming to California lived in Florida. She was aged 46 years, 23 years of which she spent with many friends, she leaves behind her a husband and a young daughter.

Mrs. Whitt took as a funeral expression of religion and undefiled before the Father is this: "I am poor, helpless and widowed, and to keep our souls from the world."

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Florida Scenery, The Owens Road Near Arcadia

The exact amount involved in the trade could not be ascertained, but it reached away into the thousands of dollars.

Mr. Geo. Hendry stated that he and his brothers would move all their cattle from DeSoto county to the Lybass pasture as quickly as possible. Messrs. Jud and John Hendry will make this county their home, and possibly all five of the brothers will move to Fort Myers in the near future. At any rate Lee county takes pleasure in welcoming such substantial citizens in our midst.

Strange how fast people are moving to Lee county, anyway. Must be something here.—Tropical Breeze.

Masonic Installation

St. John's Day, December 27, was appropriately observed by the F. & A. M. lodge of Arcadia by public installation and banquet. The installation was held at the Masonic hall, the Hon. A. W. Gilchrist, of Punta Gorda, acting as installing officer. The following are the new officials:

Worshipful Master, W. S. Davenport; Senior Warden, L. R. Bryan; Junior Warden, J. F. Stonebraker; Secretary, W. M. Platt; Treasurer, S. J. Simmons; Senior Deacon, W. G. Bailey; Junior Deacon, L. Silverman; Tyler, F. Morqus.

After the installation the Masons and their ladies repaired to the Arcadia House where a sumptuous feast was spread for sixty guests. A number of toasts and responses were given, after which the company was treated to a comic recitation by Miss Baughn, and a song by Miss Olney Williams, and a speech by the newly elected W. M., W. S. Davenport, that closed the event.

The Ladies' Friday Musicals.

The Ladies' Friday Musicals met with Mrs. Mary H. Smith at Mrs. C. V. Crawford's, Friday, December 27, 1907. The following officers were named for the next six months:

President, Mrs. A. E. Bennett; Vice-President, Mrs. C. C. Chollar; Secretary, Mrs. C. V. Crawford; Asst. Secretary, Mrs. J. N. Hollingsworth; Treasurer, Mrs. K. A. Houston; Asst. Treasurer, Mrs. H. S. King.

The following program was rendered:

Piano Duet—Paufler, op. 303
Mesdames Barnett and Rapalle
Piano Solo—Searl Dance, Chaminade
Mrs. A. E. Bennett (by substitute)
Vocal Solo—Some Day When Dreaming Comes True, Stans
Mrs. C. V. Crawford
Piano Duet—Melnott's Banjo, Melnott
Mesdames E. A. Houston and H. L. King
Piano Solo, W. S. Davenport
Invitation to the DeSoto county

News of the Week In DeSoto County

As Reported by The Champion's
Excellent Corps of Correspondents
A Resume of Current Events

Gardner Gossip.

A Happy New Year to all.

Christmas has come and gone and us Gardnians claim an enjoyable time. Everything was so quiet and our Christmas tree was something grand, even if it was hastily gotten up.

Our series of revival meetings are now going on. Preaching 3 and 6:30 p. m. by Reverend Gayer, the evangelist, Brother Walden assisting. These meetings are grand. Much interest is being shown and we trust much and lasting good will be done ere they close.

Glad to state that Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Coker are improving from their long spell of continued fever.

Brownville is very well represented here at the meetings.

Little Thelma and Mignon McCorquodale have returned from Tampa where they accompanied their grandpa, Mr. Chaney, to spend Christmas.

Farm work and cross ties are all the go now. Our people are quite busy preparing for the spring crops and others are getting cross ties for the railroad company.

Noah Smith, of Nocatee, visited his many friends here Xmas.

D. S. Arrington has returned from Gainesville, where he has been for several months.

Messrs. Herman and Tom Coker and R. B. McCorquodale had the finest kind of luck on their hunt.

HARD HEAD.

Dec. 31, 1907.

Lily Locals.

Christmas passed away very quietly here. Several families enjoyed a good dinner at the hospitable home of Mr. O. A. Albritton.

Mrs. A. Roberts and children spent Xmas with Mrs. Roberts' parents at Crewsville.

Miss Maude and Master Luther Gause spent part of last week with relatives at Ona.

Miss Edna Hendry, a charming young lady from Fort Green, spent last week here with her friends.

teach the special two months term.

John Murphy will go back to his school at Oak Hill Monday.

Leslie Skipper will also go to his school at College Hill Monday.

It speaks well for those three teachers that they have each made the required averages and that the patrons of each school desire them to teach the extra two months.

H. T. Lane made a business trip to Arcadia Tuesday.

Aldert Abbott, of Ft. Green, spent Christmas here with friends.

A. W. Roberts made a business trip to Gardner Saturday.

O. A. Albritton and family and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Platt went to Arcadia Friday.

J. F. Skipper is doing business in Gardner today.

Mrs. G. W. Harp and children of Ona, visited relatives here Thursday.

Miss Mae Clark, of Gardner, spent part of last week here with relatives.

We had a nice rain Monday and nice warm weather all this week.

Pine Level Items.

Xmas is gone and our town is very quiet. No one has been up before the Mayor so I guess everything passed off very quietly.

Mr. M. T. Howell gave some of his relatives the best dinner they ever sat down to in their lives on Monday.

Mr. Webster Hull and family were with us Xmas.

Uncle Frank Hagan, Mr. Hub Simmons and family, Mr. Jesse Hagan and family and Mr. Chas. Keen and family spent Xmas out on the prairie and report a fine time.

School opened Monday with a good attendance.

Every body well in our town.

Mr. Tucker's sisters have returned to Tampa and for their age they are the most active and lively of any ladies we have ever met and they spread sun shine where ever they go.

Another fox last night. Professor Howell can knock one out of a tree every time with a pine knot. Three so far.

Services Sunday by Brother Henderson and we will elect officers for our Sunday School in that day.

A Pleasant Party.

THE STATE FAIR

SOMETHING ABOUT THE ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday evening, February 8, will be a memorable occasion in the lives of Florida's progressive newspaper editors, for at that time will occur the banquet given annually in their honor by the directors of the Florida State Fair, which will be held at Tampa from February 5 to 22. Heretofore this banquet has been held on Wednesday, the opening day of the Fair. By reason of the fact that the day is not a convenient one for the average editor of a weekly paper, the next banquet will be held on Saturday evening—after even "form has gone to press." Heretofore the banquets have also been held at the palatial Tampa Hotel. The next will be held, however, at the famous Spanish restaurant, Gran Oriente, in Ybor City, the Latin quarter of Tampa, and those attending will revel in Spanish dishes, Spanish wines and, last but by no means least, Spanish cigars of Tampa make. The finest cigars in the world. Members of the state legislature, state officials and other prominent public men will be present, including a number from other states, and several hundred will be seated around the festal board. Invitations will this week be extended to every newspaper editor and legislator in Florida, and should any happen to be overlooked, they are requested at once to notify Secretary F. L. Huffaker, Tampa, of the fact. Invitations will also be extended to the candidates for various state and national offices, and the banquet will develop into a most important and instructive political event. A most interesting program of toasts will be arranged. The directors of the fair and public of Tampa generally hope every editor of Florida will visit the city on this day, and every courtesy possible will be shown them. Passes to every show on the fair and amusement grounds will be shortly distributed to the press.

Week of Prayer.

The World's Week of Prayer for the conversion of the world to Christ will be observed each night next week and all the churches of the town are expected to join in the services, holding meetings in each of the churches in town beginning Monday night in the Presbyterian church.

The Evangelical Alliance of the world has issued a list of topics for services which will be of interest to the Christian and a general attendance is expected upon these services.

First M. E. Church

Sunday School 9
Preaching 11 a.
7:38 and 39.

The pastor will give sermons on the Ghost.

League Service
Preaching 7 p. m.
Subject.

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